

# DAILY DART

WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

August 27, 2021

## Tropical Activity

### Atlantic – Tropical Storm Ida

- Tropical Storm Ida is strengthening in the Caribbean Sea and is forecast to threaten the northern U.S. Gulf Coast as a major hurricane this weekend.
- Ida is in the western Caribbean Sea, centered near Grand Cayman, moving northwest.
- A hurricane watch stretches from Cameron, Louisiana, to the Mississippi-Alabama state line, including the New Orleans metro area.
- A storm surge watch has also been issued from the Texas-Louisiana state line to the Alabama-Florida state line, including Vermillion Bay, Lake Borgne, Lake Pontchartrain, Lake Maurepas and Mobile Bay.
- Finally, a tropical storm watch has been issued along the Alabama coast, where tropical storm conditions are possible within 48 hours.
- The NHC expects Ida to become a hurricane over the southeast Gulf of Mexico on Saturday.
- An area of high pressure over the Southeast U.S. will be the large-scale steering wheel for the system, with its clockwise circulation sending it northwestward toward a landfall somewhere along the Louisiana or Mississippi coast Sunday.
- Ida may undergo a period of rapid intensification as a hurricane when it tracks through the Gulf of Mexico this weekend. That's because Gulf of Mexico water temperatures are plenty warm, upper-level winds should be favorable and there's plenty of moist air available.
- Therefore, Ida is currently expected to be near major hurricane strength when it approaches the northern Gulf Coast.
- Ida could make landfall as a major hurricane on the 16th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina's landfalls in southeast Louisiana and Mississippi.
- Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards declared a state of emergency Thursday evening due to the potential impacts from the future hurricane.

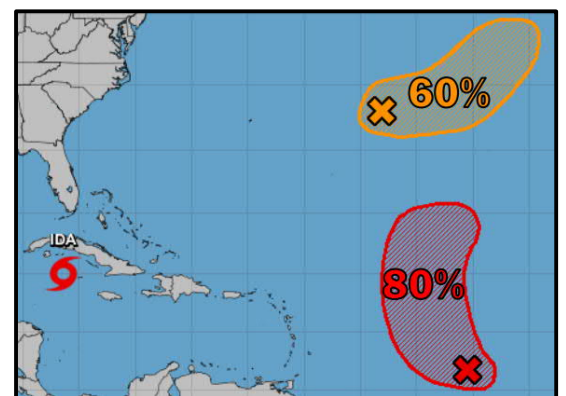


### Atlantic – Disturbance 1

- 600 miles E of Bermuda
- Formation chance 48 hours: Medium (40%)
- Formation chance 5 days: Medium (50%)

### Atlantic – Disturbance 2

- Midway between the Cabo Verde Islands and Lesser Antilles
- Formation chance 48 hours: High (70%)
- Formation chance 5 days: High (80%)



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## Severe Weather & Flood Activity

### North Carolina – Tropical Depression Fred

- North Carolina Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson was the latest state official to visit areas of Haywood County that were devastated by last week's flooding from Tropical Depression Fred, and he pledged the state's assistance.
- Haywood County was particularly hard hit by the Aug. 18 storm. Five people died and one is still missing.
- "We're certainly hoping that FEMA, whenever they get done with this assessment, that we have assistance," Haywood County Sheriff Greg Christopher said during an Aug. 26 press conference in Waynesville.
- Christopher said FEMA was on the ground in Cruso on the afternoon of Aug. 26, but neither he nor Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson, who visited Haywood County Aug. 26, knew when FEMA was to complete their assessment of the damage.
- In an Aug. 23 email to the Citizen Times, Cooper's office said the local, state and federal teams are working "as quickly as possible" to get FEMA on the ground in Haywood County.
- At least 456 homes were damaged in some way during the floods with at least 169 totally destroyed or sustaining "extensive damage," state Rep. Mark Pless said.
- Haywood County Board of Commissioners Chair Kevin Ensley told the Citizen Times Aug. 19 that damage in Cruso alone came to \$300 million with 225 structures destroyed, and nearby Clyde had about \$18 million in damage.
- As responders continue the recovery process in Haywood County, commissioners issued a curfew, prohibiting anyone from traveling in the Cruso, Bethel or Canton areas from 10 p.m.-6 a.m. until further notice.



## Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End
		Requested	Completed	
CA	August Wildfires	8	5	8/11-TBD
UT	Flooding July 15-Aug 19	7	0	8/24-9/7
NC	Severe Weather August 16	3	0	8/25-TBD

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## WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4586 TX	Severe Ice Storm	129 Counties	186	5/20/2021
4595 KY	Severe Storms & Flooding	31 Counties	118	7/23/2021
4607 MI	Severe Storms & Flooding	2 Counties	38	9/13/2021

## WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES ACTIVITY

